

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Facilities at Siachen
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that during the winter time our soldiers are affected due to avalanche and also lose their lives;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): Indian Army is deployed in the area of Siachen Glacier in Jammu & Kashmir in extremely harsh terrain and weather conditions. The troops deployed in this area are suitably equipped and trained to undertake the operational challenges and carry out their mandated tasks. The weather conditions in the area are closely monitored and weather warnings issued are strictly followed in terms of restriction on movements of the troops.
